

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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An optical switch ~~comprises~~ includes a film consisting of a polymer, a keep plate having a switching through hole and ~~driving means~~ a driver. The film has a core linearly extending therein and a notch ~~provided~~ extending across a switching portion ~~provided~~ located halfway in the core. The keep plate holds the film to expose the switching portion ~~from~~ at the through hole. The ~~driving means~~ driver is employed for ~~approximating~~ narrowing and separating a gap of the notch, thereby selecting a route of light. The notch is formed by precedently forming a starting groove on the surface of the film and pressing the switching portion with a pressing member from the backside of the starting groove while holding the film with the keep plate, thereby causing cleavage.